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**LOUISVILLE MAN CHARGED WITH POSSESSION OF SHOTGUN
AFTER DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CONVICTION**

David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, announced today that a federal Grand Jury in Louisville **returned an Indictment** charging **RONALD C. DODSON**, age 28, of Louisville, in Jefferson County, with possession of a firearm by someone convicted of a crime of domestic violence.

The Indictment alleges that on August 20, 2004, officers from the Louisville Metro Police Department executed a search warrant at Dodson's residence in Louisville and located a Mossberg shotgun. Dodson, who had been previously convicted on September 10, 2001, of the domestic violence crime of 4th degree assault, spouse abuse, in Jefferson District Court, was prohibited from possessing a firearm.

If convicted, the maximum potential penalties are 10 years imprisonment, a \$ 250,000 fine, and supervised release for a period of three years.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney John Caudill, and it was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Louisville Metro Police Department.

Dodson is scheduled to appear for arraignment before the United States Magistrate Judge on February 22, 2005, at 9:30 a.m, in Louisville, Kentucky.

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The indictment of a person by a Grand Jury is an accusation only and that person is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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